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Subject: Weekly Report of Partnerships, Land Revitalization & Cleanup Branch for the Week of 12/09/2016

Highlights of Past Week

Fundamentals of Economic Development Finance: The national brownfields program is hosting a webinar on December 7 from 9 am to 1 pm that will familiarize EPA staff with the range of community development finance tools and how they can be applied in brownfield cleanup/reuse projects. The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) has prepared the special webinar course to introduce brownfields and other EPA staff to basic economic development finance tools, such as a primer on how bonds, tax increment financing (TIF) districts, tax credits, finance loans/grants, and other basic financing tools work. The goal of the course is to help interested EPA staff who interact with our communities better understand these tools that local governments need to use, and where they fit into the redevelopment process. Staff from across the Region that work on community revitalization have been invited to participate (Contact: Noemi Emeric-Ford, x4-1821).

Significant Items for Next Week

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 Weeks Out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagement for Division Director

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, CA: On December 7, 2016, EPA will participate in three Navy meetings. In the morning, the monthly BRAC Closure Team meets to discuss cleanup progress. In the afternoon, there will be a scoping meeting with contractors, regulators and the Navy to discuss the technical and community involvement needs to develop a workplan to investigate the Tetra Tech issue. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission found Tetra Tech in violation because their employees deliberately falsified soil sample surveys taken to ascertain the amount of residual radioactivity in the soil. In the evening, EPA will participate in the Parcel G ESD community meeting. Parcel G was an area previously cleaned up to commercial use. The City's redevelopment plan slated the property for the 49ers Football Stadium and/or commercial and residential use. Once the 49ers chose San Jose as its new home, the City went with its other option. The City also wanted more of the land used for housing and conducted a Feasibility Assessment. The draft ESD explains that the land was reassessed for unrestricted use and found up to 75% of the land could be used for residential purposes. (Contact: Jackie Lane X2-3236 and Lily Lee, X7-4187)

Aerojet Corporation Superfund Site, Rancho Cordova, CA: For the past two weeks, the Aerojet Team has worked with the Aerojet PRP to develop a workplan to conduct indoor air testing at prioritized buildings on property. Aerojet wanted to take advantage of the Holiday break its employees get between December 26 and New Year to conduct sampling and the walk-through is next week. After seeing the email Aerojet sent to its building managers about the investigation, the team developed an email with all the needed parameters to conduct proper sampling. The Team also developed a fact sheet to give to employee that explains the process. The trigger for these activity was the completion of 2016 Five Year Review and one of the recommendations was to conduct a VI Assessment Investigation of the Site. We are planning to conduct soil gas test in the right-away off property later in the Spring. (Contact: Jackie Lane X2-3236)

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Internal to Region 9

Internal to Division

MINESHAFT Update - The team is working closely with USGS to develop and assign a risk number based on mine ore deposits. This number will replace risk numbers currently being used in the two primary ranking algorithms, hence the provisional rankings may change somewhat once the USGS input is finalized. The two ranking algorithms, the CA Mines Exposure Based Algorithm (MEBA) and the CA Mines Exposure Pathways Algorithm (MEPA) prioritize CA mines based on exposure and Hazardous Ranking System criteria respectively. 15 sites have been selected from these two rankings and are being assessed by DTSC in order to determine accuracy of the algorithms. (Contact: Matt Mitguard, x4-3096)

3-D Central Basin Visualization Update - Significant hurdles in assembling key drinking water well and stratigraphic data have been addressed in the last two months. Drinking water data, including locational, as built, and chemical data through 2016 has been delivered to the Visualization contractor. Bureaucratic problems had prevented drinking water data for the central basin to be updated beyond 2014 until recently. Moreover assembling the locational, as built, and chemical data into a manageable data set which could be transferred into

the software required additional support LAWRD and USGS. LAWRD is also working to arrange for digitized Bulletin 104 stratigraphic data to be provide to us for inclusion into the visualization mode. (Contact: Matt Mitguard, x4-3096)

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